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SUBJECT: SOVIET VIEWS ON CYPRUS

1. SUMMARY. IN RECENT CONVERSATIONS WITH THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR, BOTH FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO AND DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER N,N, RODIONOV PRIVATELY CRITICIZED THE TURKS FOR THEIR RECALCITRANCE ON CYPRUS AND SUGGESTED ALLIES SHOULD PRESSURE THE TURKS INTO BEING MORE FORTHCOMING. GROMYKO TOOK NOW STANDARD LINE AGAINST BIZONAL SETTLEMENT FORMULA, BUT RODIONOV INDICATED SOVIETS ARE UNWILLING TO "DICTATE" TO TURKS ABOUT A SETTLEMENT OR THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS. END SUMMARY.

2. AT QUADRIPARTITE MEETING (MARCH 13) UK AMBASSADOR GAVE RUNDOWN ON RECENT CONVERSATIONS HE HAD WITH GROMYKO AND RODIONOV ABOUT CYPRUS. GROMYKO, WHOM HE SAW MARCH 10, CRITICIZED THE SECURITY COUNCIL'S DRAFT RESOLUTION ON CYPRUS AS TOO WEAK. HE SUGGESTED ALLIES
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SHOULD PRESSURE ANKARA TO BE MORE FORTHCOMING. GROMYKO

WAS EXPECTEDLY NEGATIVE ABOUT THE TURKISH CYPRIOT MOVE IN ANNOUNCING SEPARATE ENTITY ON CYPRUS. THIS, HE CLAIMED, WAS "OBVIOUSLY A MOVE TOWARD A SEPARATE STATE." WHAT IS NEEDED INSTEAD, HE INSISTED, IS A CANTONAL STATE COMPOSED OF FIVE OR SIX CANTONS.

3. IN SEPARATE CONVERSATION RODIONOV ALSO EXPRESSED DISPLEASURE WITH THE TURKS AND MADE PITCH FOR ALLIED PRESSURE, HOWEVER, WHEN GARVEY COUNTERED THAT SOVIETS SHOULD USE SOME OF THEIR INFLUENCE WITH ANKARA, WRODIONOV SAID MOSCOW HAS MADE ITS ATTITUDE KNOWN TO THE TURKS BUT "WILL NOT DICTATE TO THEM." ON SETTLEMENT PROCESS RODIONOV SAID THE OLD SOVIET PROPOSAL--AS REFERENCE TO THE SOVIETS' CALL FOR AN INTER-NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CYPRUS--IS STILL ON THE TABLE, BUT ITS EXECUTION DEPENDS ON THE WILLINGNESS OF THE PARTIES TO PARTICIPATE. FOR THE PRESENT SOME ARE NOT WILLING AND THE "SOVIETS ARE NOT PUSHING THEIR IDEA," HE SAID.

4. FRENCH AMBASSADOR IN FOOTNOTE ADDED THAT CYPRUS LANGUAGE IN PRELIMINARY SOVIET DRAFT COMMUNIQUE FOR PRIME MINISTER CHIRAC'S UPCOMING VISIT CALLS FOR THE "EVACUATION OF ALL FOREIGN TROOPS FROM CYPRUS." VIMONT SAID HE HAD IMPRESSION THAT IN THIS INSTANCE SOVIETS HAVE BRITISH FORCES AS WELL AS GREEK AND TURKISH TROOPS IN MIND, SINCE THEY DID NOT CALL FOR WITHDRAWAL FROM "REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS" AND BRITISH BASES NOT OFFICIALLY PART OF REPUBLIC.
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